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REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed May 6th, 2003 objected to informality in the specification, the format of the claim amendment, and the terminal disclaimer. The Final Office Action rejected under Section 112 claims 23, 24, 34, 37-39 and 56-57. Claims 1, 5-10, 32-43, 48 and 52-57 were rejected under Section 103 as unpatentable over Slater and Hicks. Claims 44-47 were rejected as unpatentable over Slater, Hicks and Sheridan. Claims 62-64 and 69-70 were rejected as unpatentable over Slater and Sheridan.

Additionally, claims 15-22 and 25-31 were noted to be allowable subject to an acceptable Terminal Disclaimer. Claims 2-4, 11-14, 49-51, 58-61 and 65-68 were objected to as being dependent upon a base claim, but otherwise are allowable.

The Terminal Disclaimer

In support of the Terminal Disclaimer submitted in the prior response, Applicants submit documentary proof of chain of title from inventors to Assignee through the assignment from the inventors to the Assignee. Withdrawal of the objection to the Terminal Disclaimer filed 8/12/2002 is requested.

The Section 112 Rejection

Applicants have amended the specification and amended the claims in the revised format (as published in Official Gazette on Feb 25, 2003). Applicants respectfully submit that all remaining claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants also has received the summary of the interview on April 1, 2003 and agrees with the substance of the interview recorded therein that Applicants' Attorney never received the action mailed Jan 19, 2003 and that the request to change correspondence address was sent on October 28, 2002.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 408.528.1490.

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